

2017 Child Care Supply Demand Report

Child Care Availability in Kansas



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This 2017 Child Care Supply Demand Report looks closely at the availability of child care in Kansas. Kansas is a vast state, covering 105 counties, 82,277 square miles and is home to more than 332,000 families with young children. It is in the best interest of all Kansans to address the daunting challenge families face every day trying to find quality child care.

In many Kansas communities, families searching for child care find that the number of available openings for their children can be few and far between. The 2017 Child Care Supply Demand Report will share more information and recommendations to increase child care supply around the state.

CHILD CARE LANDSCAPE IN KANSAS

Since 1919 Kansas laws have provided health and safety protections for children in out-of-home care settings. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is responsible for the regulation of child care. Kansas child care regulations are intended to reduce the predictable risk of harm to children and provide the foundation for quality across child care settings. The current licensing standards define the most widely used child care facilities in this way:

Licensed Day Care Home: A child care facility in which care is provided for a maximum of 10 children under 16 years of age. (Children under 11 years of age who are related to the provider must be included in the total.) The total number of children in care at any one time is based on the ages of the children.

Group Day Care Home: A child care facility in which care is provided for a maximum of 12 children under 16 years of age. (Children under 11 years of age who are related to the provider must be included in the total.) The total number of children in care at any one time is based on the ages of the children.

Child Care Centers: A child care facility in which care and educational activities are provided for 13 or more children, 2-weeks to 16 years of age, for more than three hours and less than 24 hours per day, including daytime, evening, and nighttime care, or which provides before-and after-school care for school-age children.

Preschools: A child care facility that provides learning experiences for children who have not attained the age of eligibility to enter kindergarten and that conducts sessions not exceeding three hours per session; that does not enroll any child more than one session per day; and that does not serve a meal.

Source: www.kdhe.org



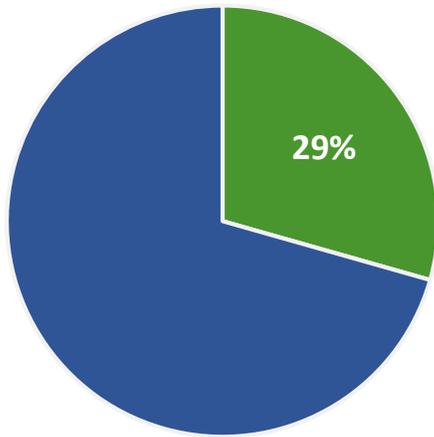
For more information about child care capacity in each of the 105 Kansas counties, check out our website: www.ks.childcareaware.org.

KANSAS FAMILIES

Kansas employers need child care in order to attract and retain a productive workforce that builds the Kansas economy. Parents need child care in order to work and provide for their families. There are **332,652** families with children under 18 years of age; of those **97,795** are single-parent families.

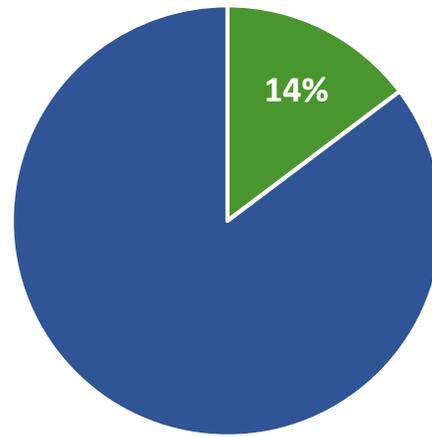
FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Single-Parent Families with Children under 18 Years of Age



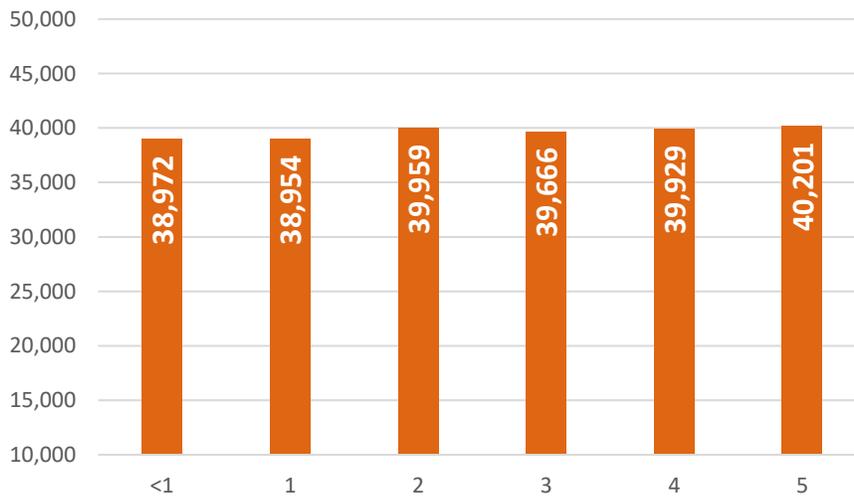
Source: Child Care Aware® of America

Families (with related children under 18) that have incomes below the federal poverty level.



Source: Kids Count

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS OF AGE



Source: Kids Count

KANSAS CHILD CARE FACILITIES

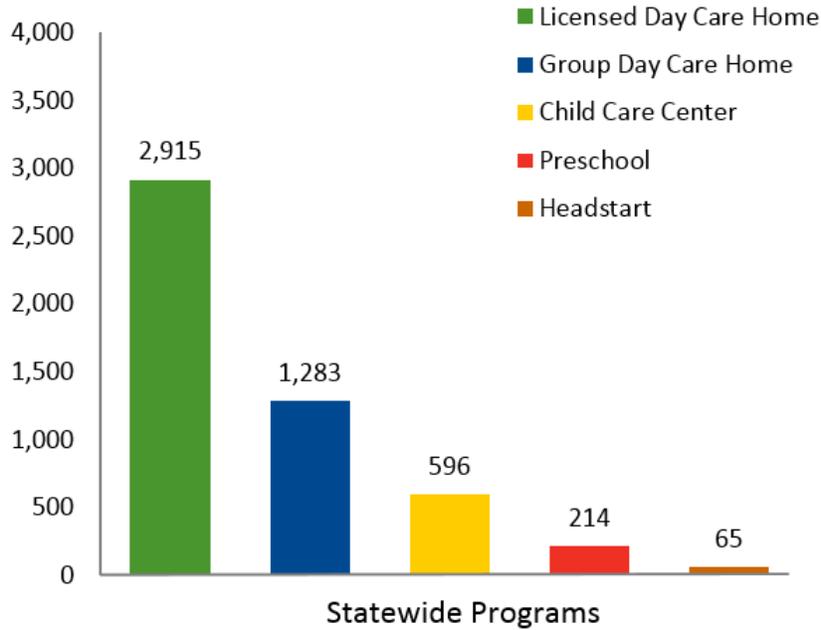
Child care is part of the economic infrastructure that supports employers. When parents have the security of knowing their children are well cared for, they are more productive at work. Children need quality child care in order to succeed in school and life. By the time a child turns 4, the necessary foundations for personal responsibility, conscience and compassion for others have been established. High-quality child care providers nurture, educate and prepare our future leaders! To better understand the capacity of child care the following data was collected.

In Kansas, **83%*** of Licensed Child Care Facilities are Day Care Homes.

**Licensed Day Care Homes + Group Day Care Homes*



LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES

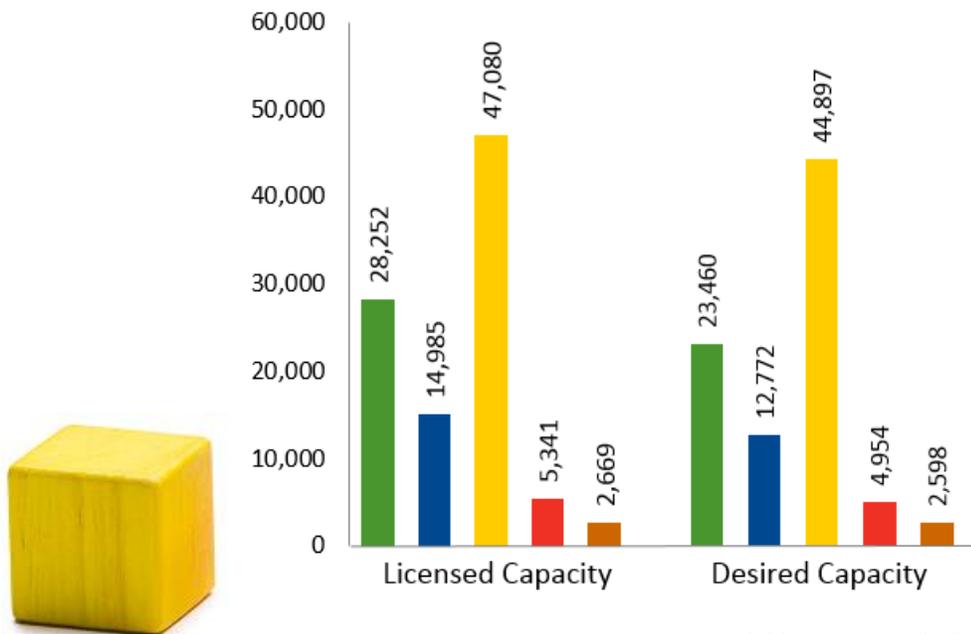


Some Head Start Programs & Preschools (typically those associated with a United School District (USD)) are not licensed by the state; only the Head Start Programs & Preschools that are licensed are represented in these charts.

Source: Child Care Aware® of Kansas; WorkLife Systems

The Licensed Capacity is greater than the Desired Capacity, which is the number that facilities are willing to accept. A program may be licensed for 10 children but is only willing to accept 7.

CAPACITY



Source: Child Care Aware® of Kansas; WorkLife Systems

In Kansas, there are **163,889** children under 6 years of age potentially needing child care.



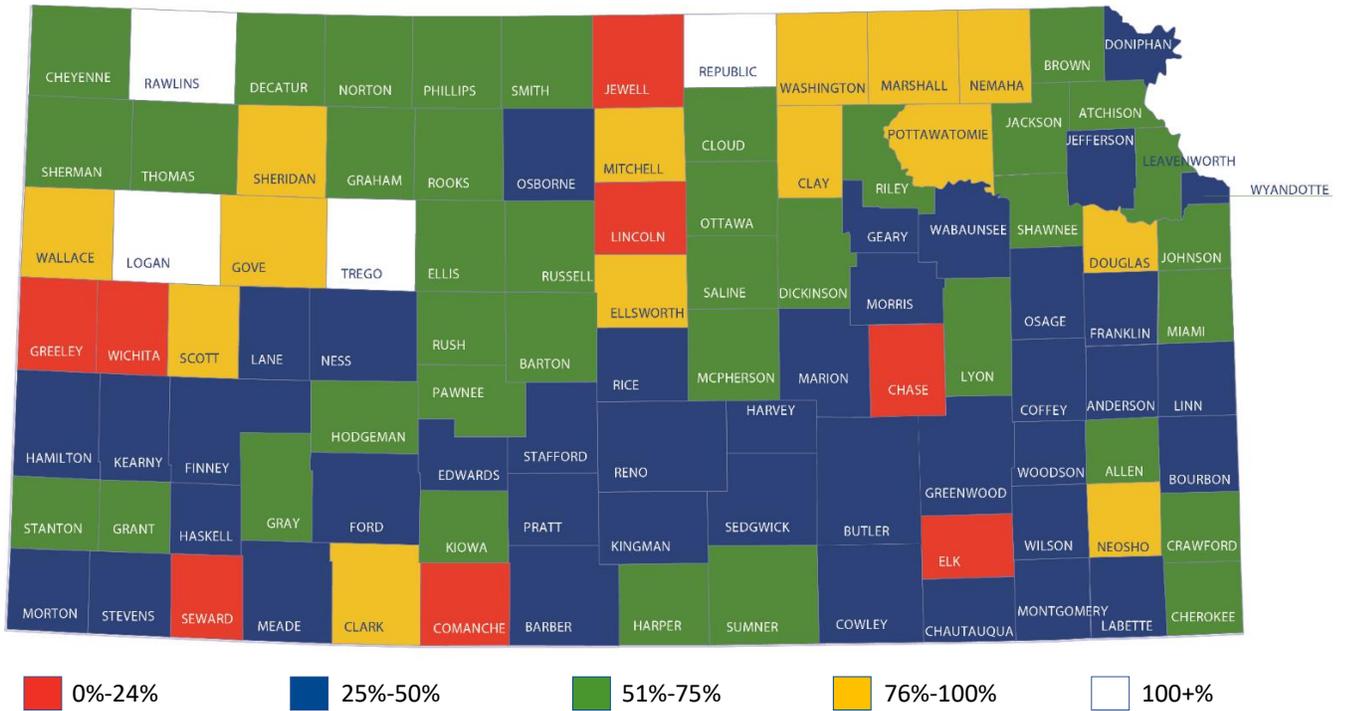
CHILD CARE SUPPLY DEMAND DATA MAP & TABLE

The Data Map & Table indicate the percentage of child care openings that are available in each county compared to the number of children potentially needing child care.

For example, in Allen County the calculation equals 72%. One could speculate that about 3 out of 4 families searching for child care should be able to find an opening for their child. The remaining 28% could be on program waiting lists, still searching for child care, or have made other arrangements for their young children. When considering Logan County, the calculation equals 115%. The extent desired capacity meets potential demand implies that families seeking child care might have more choices in selection of care.

It is important to note that the percentages reported may not accurately represent what is happening in counties. In some cases, community partners are working together to explore how to best meet the needs of working families. Lack of child care openings impacts employers. When child care openings do not meet a family's needs, they might be left with fewer choices creating stress for parents. The key to successfully addressing the availability of child care in communities is a coordinated approach. Working together to address child care supply will have a direct, positive impact on working families in our state.

EXTENT DESIRED CAPACITY MEETS POTENTIAL DEMAND MAP



DESIRED CAPACITY MEETS POTENTIAL DEMAND TABLE

	Number of Children Under Age 6	Number of Children Under Age 6 Receiving DCF Child Care Subsidy	Number of Children Potentially Needing Care	Children with All Parents in the Workforce	Number of Children a Facility is Willing to Accept (Desired Capacity)	Extent Desired Capacity Meets Potential Demand
Allen County	1,036	23	653	63.00%	467	72%
Anderson County	686	2	447	65.10%	139	31%
Atchison County	1,348	47	872	64.70%	551	63%
Barber County	367	1	224	61.10%	91	41%
Barton County	2,324	78	1,587	68.30%	863	54%
Bourbon County	1,326	18	808	60.90%	346	43%
Brown County	872	22	671	76.90%	381	57%
Butler County	5,364	124	3,540	66.00%	1,468	41%
Chase County	186	3	160	86.00%	37	23%
Chautauqua County	232	6	166	71.60%	56	34%
Cherokee County	1,671	42	1,019	61.00%	566	56%
Cheyenne County	171	0	122	71.10%	69	57%
Clark County	175	2	83	47.70%	70	84%
Clay County	689	27	401	58.20%	320	80%
Cloud County	734	24	585	79.70%	402	69%
Coffey County	605	10	419	69.30%	208	50%
Comanche County	125	0	87	69.90%	22	25%

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Cowley County	2,910	102	1,804	62.00%	643	36%
Crawford County	2,966	101	2,204	74.30%	1,174	53%
Decatur County	178	1	131	73.60%	73	56%
Dickinson County	1,543	25	878	56.90%	587	67%
Doniphan County	544	4	367	67.50%	150	41%
Douglas County	7,395	286	4,940	66.80%	3,798	77%
Edwards County	218	3	120	55.00%	43	36%
Elk County	205	0	124	60.70%	8	6%
Ellis County	2,219	48	1,720	77.50%	1,096	64%
Ellsworth County	397	4	332	83.60%	284	86%
Finney County	4,188	75	2,731	65.20%	770	28%
Ford County	3,851	49	2,126	55.20%	683	32%
Franklin County	2,231	45	1,522	68.20%	613	40%
Geary County	4,510	62	2,192	48.60%	900	41%
Gove County	208	0	144	69.00%	143	100%
Graham County	170	3	137	80.60%	81	59%
Grant County	831	5	507	61.00%	256	51%
Gray County	590	6	248	42.00%	134	54%
Greeley County	100	0	71	71.10%	17	24%
Greenwood County	470	5	350	74.40%	120	34%
Hamilton County	294	1	208	70.60%	93	45%
Harper County	474	11	306	64.50%	210	69%
Harvey County	2,840	59	1,818	64.00%	674	37%
Haskell County	424	2	237	55.80%	71	30%
Hodgeman County	137	0	102	74.30%	62	61%
Jackson County	1,103	7	843	76.40%	471	56%
Jefferson County	1,316	24	934	71.00%	381	41%
Jewell County	188	0	125	66.50%	27	22%
Johnson County	47,221	890	32,960	69.80%	23,413	71%
Kearny County	377	3	256	67.90%	86	34%
Kingman County	560	3	314	56.10%	125	40%
Kiowa County	166	2	106	63.60%	63	60%
Labette County	1,795	60	1,285	71.60%	614	48%
Lane County	109	0	88	80.50%	43	49%
Leavenworth County	6,280	150	3,931	62.60%	2,163	55%
Lincoln County	240	1	145	60.40%	30	21%
Linn County	670	10	462	69.00%	160	35%
Logan County	186	1	108	58.30%	125	115%
Lyon County	2,817	77	1,837	65.20%	1,324	72%
Marion County	850	7	579	68.10%	233	40%
Marshall County	793	19	542	68.30%	482	89%
McPherson County	2,188	28	1,378	63.00%	878	64%
Meade County	398	4	209	52.60%	83	40%
Miami County	2,628	101	1,926	73.30%	1,140	59%
Mitchell County	445	4	231	51.90%	226	98%
Montgomery County	2,926	63	2,016	68.90%	702	35%

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Morris County	381	4	295	77.30%	133	45%
Morton County	269	3	163	60.70%	48	29%
Nemaha County	801	13	557	69.50%	505	91%
Neosho County	1,340	40	874	65.20%	701	80%
Ness County	205	0	140	68.50%	61	43%
Norton County	343	12	340	99.20%	180	53%
Osage County	1,215	20	953	78.40%	346	36%
Osborne County	242	4	168	69.50%	80	48%
Ottawa County	428	4	301	70.30%	206	68%
Pawnee County	456	12	361	79.10%	232	64%
Phillips County	414	15	273	66.00%	182	67%
Pottawatomie County	2,176	23	1,088	50.00%	868	80%
Pratt County	754	12	498	66.10%	198	40%
Rawlins County	150	0	86	57.50%	100	116%
Reno County	5,105	149	3,150	61.70%	1,568	50%
Republic County	300	11	180	59.90%	182	101%
Rice County	757	18	522	68.90%	225	43%
Riley County	5,631	61	2,962	52.60%	1,799	61%
Rooks County	388	6	350	90.20%	216	62%
Rush County	195	7	129	66.00%	74	57%
Russell County	480	6	359	74.80%	224	62%
Saline County	4,755	228	3,352	70.50%	1,829	55%
Scott County	442	20	278	63.00%	229	82%
Sedgwick County	46,975	1,817	31,520	67.10%	14,144	45%
Seward County	2,756	6	2,004	72.70%	353	18%
Shawnee County	14,923	676	10,476	70.20%	6,296	60%
Sheridan County	199	0	141	70.80%	134	95%
Sherman County	486	11	333	68.50%	202	61%
Smith County	227	6	155	68.30%	117	75%
Stafford County	313	2	191	61.00%	50	26%
Stanton County	213	0	137	64.20%	87	64%
Stevens County	599	2	299	49.90%	129	43%
Sumner County	1,911	40	1,139	59.60%	679	60%
Thomas County	615	3	465	75.60%	345	74%
Trego County	161	1	108	66.80%	118	110%
Wabaunsee County	566	9	328	58.00%	124	38%
Wallace County	102	2	49	48.30%	38	77%
Washington County	410	11	286	69.80%	232	81%
Wichita County	190	0	125	65.90%	29	23%
Wilson County	723	6	513	70.90%	188	37%
Woodson County	208	3	138	66.20%	68	49%
Wyandotte County	16,314	503	10,669	65.40%	3,666	34%

For Data Sources and Methodology visit, www.ks.childcareaware.org. The Extent Desired Capacity Meets Potential Demand is a calculation of the Desired Capacity divided by the Number of Children Potentially Needing Care. Sources: 2010 Census; 2011-2015: DP03; Child Care Aware® of Kansas; WorkLife Systems; Kansas Department for Children and Families (Child Care Subsidy benefits issued for February 2017 - 2/1/17 through 2/28/17).

COUNTY SPOTLIGHTS

Lincoln and Seward counties were identified as having some of the lowest child care availability for working families. The following data was collected for each county.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Extent child care openings potentially meet demand

21%

TYPES OF LICENSED CHILD CARE

Licensed Day Care Homes	3
Group Day Care Homes	1
Child Care Centers	0
Preschools	0

CHILD CARE CAPACITY

Licensed Capacity	42
Desired Capacity	30

NON-TRADITIONAL CARE

Evenings	0
Overnight	0
Weekend	0
Offer Special Needs Care	1
Offer Infant/Toddler Care	4

FACILITY/PROVIDER

Degree in Early Childhood	1
Early Childhood Credential	0
Number of providers in field for 5 years or more	2
Number providers that speak a language other than English	0
Number of facilities with accreditation	0

Number of children under 6 years of age

240

Number of children receiving DCF subsidy (under 6 years of age)

1

Most commonly self-reported special needs care provided

ADHD

Feedback from the Field...

Lisa Feldkamp, Family Child Care Provider, Lincoln County, explained that her program is full, apart from children over age 5, and she does not maintain a wait list. She was excited to share that the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce has been investigating child care capacity in the community.



COUNTY SPOTLIGHTS

SEWARD COUNTY

Extent child care openings potentially meet demand

18%

TYPES OF LICENSED CHILD CARE

Licensed Day Care Homes	14
Group Day Care Homes	7
Child Care Centers	1
Preschools	1

CHILD CARE CAPACITY

Licensed Capacity	375
Desired Capacity	353

NON-TRADITIONAL CARE

Evenings	0
Overnight	0
Weekend	0
Offer Special Needs Care	8
Offer Infant/Toddler Care	22

FACILITY/PROVIDER

Degree in Early Childhood	2
Early Childhood Credential	0
Number of providers in field for 5 years or more	19
Number providers that speak a language other than English	12
Number of facilities with accreditation	0

Number of children under 6 years of age

2,756

Number of children receiving DCF subsidy (under 6 years of age)

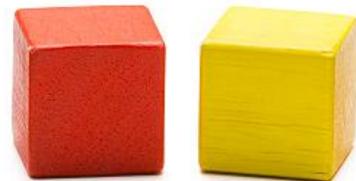
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Most commonly self-reported special needs care provided

Asthma, Food Allergies

Feedback from the Field...

Charity Martinez, First Presbyterian Liberal Child Care Learning Center, Seward County, reported that the child care center currently has multiple openings; however, during the summer months enrollment is typically lower. She explained that families looking for openings for infants and toddlers are most likely struggling to find care in her community.



COUNTY SPOTLIGHTS

Today more families than ever are utilizing child care in Kansas; a child care system that is adaptable and responsive to a variety of needs is required. Two counties that are working to address the needs of families are highlighted – Allen and McPherson counties.

ALLEN COUNTY

Extent child care openings potentially meet demand

72%

TYPES OF LICENSED CHILD CARE

Licensed Day Care Homes	18
Group Day Care Homes	11
Child Care Centers	3
Preschools	1

CHILD CARE CAPACITY

Licensed Capacity	502
Desired Capacity	467

NON-TRADITIONAL CARE

Evenings	2
Overnight	0
Weekend	1
Offer Special Needs Care	20
Offer Infant/Toddler Care	30

FACILITY/PROVIDER

Degree in Early Childhood	2
Early Childhood Credential	0
Number of providers in field for 5 years or more	23
Number providers that speak a language other than English	0
Number of facilities with accreditation	0

Number of children under 6 years of age

1,036

Number of children receiving DCF subsidy (under 6 years of age)

23

Most commonly self-reported special needs care provided

Food Allergies

Feedback from the Field...

Beth Toland, Allen Community College Early Childhood Education Specialist, states that Allen County has many options for child care and preschool. The child care center in Humboldt was recently included in a child block grant and is able to offer free preschool opportunities to 3-and 4-year-old children. They are fortunate to have a growing Head Start and Early Head Start program, serving Iola, and a network of veteran family child care providers as well.

COUNTY SPOTLIGHTS

Number of children under 6 years of age

2,188

Number of children receiving DCF subsidy (under 6 years of age)

28

Most commonly self-reported special needs care provided

Food Allergies

MCPHERSON COUNTY

Extent child care openings potentially meet demand

64%

TYPES OF LICENSED CHILD CARE

Licensed Day Care Homes	33
Group Day Care Homes	4
Child Care Centers	5
Preschools	2

CHILD CARE CAPACITY

Licensed Capacity	871
Desired Capacity	878

NON-TRADITIONAL CARE

Evenings	3
Overnight	1
Weekend	1
Offer Special Needs Care	20
Offer Infant/Toddler Care	38

FACILITY/PROVIDER

Degree in Early Childhood	5
Early Childhood Credential	1
Number of providers in field for 5 years or more	35
Number providers that speak a language other than English	1
Number of facilities with accreditation	0

Feedback from the Field...

Anne Kirchner, former Executive Director, United Way of McPherson County, states limited child care was on our radar due to the expansion of several local industries, which brought more families to our county. The increase in jobs caused concern regarding the availability of both child care and housing. We were forced to take action when a local day care closed unexpectedly. Approximately 60 children were left without child care, and families were scrambling to find replacement child care. We participated in several community conversations to discuss the immediate and future needs. The mayor of McPherson hosted a meeting, and an ad hoc committee was appointed to explore the situation in more detail and to provide guidance. The first step included working collaboratively with other interested parties, including the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, McPherson Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) and Unified School District 418. Leaders from the organizations have a vested interest in helping identify quality, licensed day care options. The Chamber of Commerce and MIDC work hand-in-hand to attract new employers and employees to the community. Being able to highlight quality, accessible day care is an attractive recruitment tool. USD 418 supports quality day care settings as a feeder system to the district's early childhood education program. Child care availability is a community problem that must be solved with community input and action.

RECOMMENDATIONS*

Critical supports for child care programs include: planning; personnel development; training and technical assistance; program evaluation; continuous quality improvement; and ongoing coordination and communication. We make the following recommendations to address child care capacity in communities:

1. Work with community development resources to identify capital to ensure that community infrastructure includes child care.
 - Tie the obtainment of credentials and degrees to a well-defined and commonly accepted career lattice that includes salary and benefit recommendations and aligns with regulatory and quality rating system requirements.
 - Examine ways to increase the child care workforce through the expansion of subsidized services.
2. Work with public officials and community advocates to expand availability and improve facility quality.
 - Support training that is intentional, sequential, competency-based, tied with coaching and mentoring, and tied to outcomes.
 - Provide additional supports to potential child care providers through scholarships, coaching, and microenterprise grants.
3. Incentivize businesses to join in public and private investments to develop and support child care spaces in communities.
 - Increase community-level understanding and support of the importance of high-quality child care programs by increasing school readiness and reducing the achievement gap, augmenting economic development and the return on investment, and breaking the cycle of poverty.

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ABOUT US

Child Care Aware® of Kansas is the network of four Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies that serve all 105 counties in Kansas. Daily, we provide information, support and resources to child care providers, families, and communities.

REMARKS

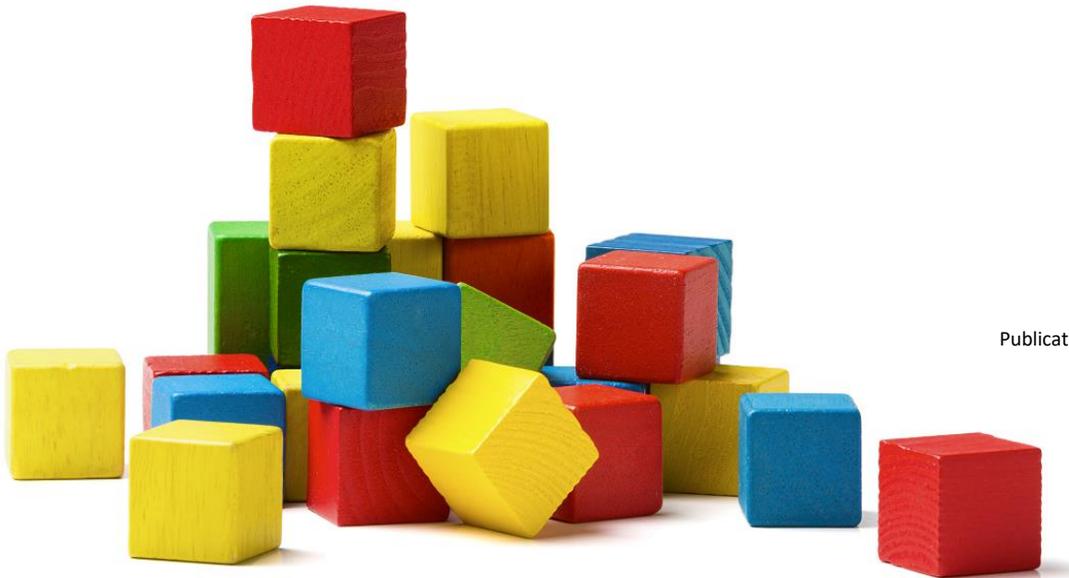
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